

PRISONERS' ESCAPE

Provide two pieces of string, each about three-feet long, for each pair in the group. Tie the ends of one string around the wrists of one of the pair, just tight enough to prevent him from slipping his hands through the loops. Tie the second "prisoner" in the same way, placing his string inside the one holding the first person, thereby linking the two people. Tell them to free themselves. Solution: Take the center of one of the strings and slide its bend up under one of the wrist loops of the opposite prisoner. Then bring the bend over his hand and down the opposite side of his wrist.

CHRISTMAS HANDSHAKE

Try this get-acquainted mixer. Give every one five Christmas seals. On signal, he introduces himself to five others and leaves a seal with each of them.

GIANT BEEHIVE

Tell the group to buzz like a bee. When your hand is raised, the volume should increase. When you lower your hand, the volume should decrease. Practice this at varying levels.

MY PAW SAID SO

Read this poem by Edgar A. Guest. The word "'Cause" in parenthesis does not appear in the original poem but serves as a cue for the audience to repeat "my paw said so." Foxes can talk if you know how to listen, ('Cause) My paw said so. Owls have big eyes that sparkle an' glisten, ('Cause) My paw said so. Bears can turn flip-flaps an' climb ellum trees, An' steal all the honey away from the bees, An' they never mind winter becoz they don't freeze; ('Cause) My paw said so. Girls is a-scared of a snake, but boys ain't, ('Cause) My paw said so. They holler an' run; an' sometimes they faint, ('Cause) My paw said so. But boys would be 'shamed to be frightened that way When all that the snake wants to do is to play: You've got to believe every word that I say, ('Cause) My paw said so. Wolves ain't so bad if you treat 'em all right, ('Cause) My paw said so. They're as fond of a game as they are of a fight, ('Cause) My paw said so. An' all of the animals found in the wood Ain't always ferocious. Most times they are good. The trouble is mostly they're misunderstood, ('Cause) My paw said so. You can think what you like, but I stick to it when ('Cause) My paw said so. An' I'll keep right on sayin', again an' again, ('Cause) My paw said so. Maybe foxes don't talk to such people as you, An' bears never show you the tricks they can do, But I know that the stories I'm tellin' are true. ('Cause) My paw said so. From Collected Verse of Edgar A. Guest, copyright the Reilly & Lee Company Chicago.